# **U.S. District Court** District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01468-CJN

ELECTRONIC PRIVACY INFORMATION CENTER v. U.S.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/20/2019 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

#### **Plaintiff**

**ELECTRONIC PRIVACY** INFORMATION CENTER

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/20/2019	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–6135252) filed by ELECTRONIC PRIVACY INFORMATION CENTER. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons Attorney General of the United States, # 3 Summons Department of State, # 4 Summons US Attorney)(Scott, Jeramie) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/22/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zeg) (Entered: 05/22/2019)
05/22/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 05/22/2019)
06/19/2019	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/29/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/28/2019. (Scott, Jeramie) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
06/19/2019	4	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/29/2019. (Scott, Jeramie) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
06/19/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/17/2019 (Scott, Jeramie) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Timothy J. Kelly is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/28/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
08/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) appear to be inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before September 12, 2019. The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 13, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
08/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/12/2019. (mac) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
09/05/2019	7	NOTICE of Appearance by Alan Jay Butler on behalf of ELECTRONIC PRIVACY INFORMATION CENTER (Butler, Alan) (Main Document 7 replaced on 9/9/2019) (zjf). (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marc Rotenberg on behalf of ELECTRONIC PRIVACY INFORMATION CENTER (Rotenberg, Marc) (Main Document 8 replaced on 9/9/2019) (zjf). (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019	9	NOTICE of Change of Address by Jeramie D. Scott (Scott, Jeramie) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/12/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
09/19/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Alan R. Burch on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Peter C. Pfaffenroth (Burch,

		Alan) (Entered: 09/19/2019)
09/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before November 5, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 26, 2019. (lccjn3) (Entered: 09/26/2019)
09/26/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 11/5/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/29/2019)
11/05/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Burch, Alan) (Entered: 11/05/2019)